

BLACK GETTING REAL PRUNE.

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Chief Executive Anxious That the Tax Rate Be Not Increased.

EAGER TO POSE AS THRIFTY.

Moreover, Does Not Want His Plan of Finishing the Capitol Jeopardized by Big Appropriations for Other Things.

Albany, March 11.—Governor Black today showed that the Black-Pain-Aldridge combination for mutual political advantage is to leave no loophole for any one unless it is first tried by the Governor.

The Governor also showed that his plans to gain fame by completing the Capitol and furnishing a market for the speculators who have Alondra lands for sale are not to be delayed because the big appropriations for these purposes will make necessary the passage of greatly reduced appropriations for the hospitals, the asylums and other charitable and eleemosynary institutions maintained by the State for its indigent and indigent citizens.

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bates upon the surrender of liquor tax certificates is provided for. The section believed last year to be unconstitutional, and which prevents an appeal from the decision of a judge in certain cases, has been eliminated. Not only shall minors not be sold liquor, but they cannot buy it for anybody else. If the bar is in an inside room, not visible from the street there shall be a glass panel in the door so that the interior of the room may be seen from the hallway.

After "Raines Hotels."

The amendment to close "Raines hotels" is elaborate. A hotel must comply with all the laws and rules relating to hotels, hotelkeepers and to the building, fire and health departments.

Ten rooms are thought to be sufficient, but they must be above the basement and exclusive of those of the family and servants. Each room must be furnished well and separated from its neighbors by partitions at least four inches thick. These partitions must extend from door to ceiling. Each room must have a door opening into the hallway and a window or windows opening upon the street or air shaft. The windows must contain not less than eight square feet of surface. The rooms must have at least eighty square feet of floor area and at least six hundred cubic feet of space. The dining room must have at least three hundred square feet.

"Guest" is defined as a "person who in good faith occupies a room in a hotel as a temporary home and pays the regular charge for such occupancy and who does not occupy such room for the purpose of having liquor served there." Another kind of guest is a person who goes to the hotel during the hours when meals are served for the purpose of obtaining a meal in good faith.

Mr. Raines proposes to increase the possibility of a license's forfeiture by providing for a civil action with a penalty of \$20 for each violation of the law. If this action goes against the saloonist he forfeits his certificate.

The bills and the report will be submitted to the Legislature to-morrow. Senator Ford is not quite satisfied with the report.

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WAS SUICIDE HIS URGENT BUSINESS?

Wealthy James Stevens Left Home on an "Important" Matter.

TIDE GAVE UP HIS BODY.

On the Shore, Near Fort Hamilton, Far from His Jersey City Home.

FAMILY BEGGED HIM TO STAY.

Protests Would Not Avail, and on Wednesday He Disappeared—Known to Have Favored Self-Destruction.

The waters that washed the body of James N. Stevens ashore near Fort Hamilton yesterday hold the mystery of his death. Accident, suicide—or worse? Perhaps his family may never know. They only know that the husband and father who left home Wednesday is dead—that his body was found far from his home. Certain circumstances point to suicide and the man's friends so interpret them.

James N. Stevens lived until Wednesday last at No. 287 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City. He was sixty-nine years old, and as one of the earliest settlers in the Lafayette section there, had amassed a fortune in the garden truck business.

About five years ago he became a real estate agent. He was known in politics as the "Democratic war horse" had served as Alderman, and went to the Legislature in 1872, 1877 and 1878. He was defeated but once in his political career.

His wife, two sons and three daughters made up his family—the family he left on Wednesday. It is remembered now that he had spoken favorably of suicide as a means of ending earthly cares. His family deny he entertained such an idea.

Mr. Stevens had been suffering from the grippe for two weeks, and also from heart trouble, when he left home Wednesday morning. He left against the protest of his physician. He had important business affairs to attend to in New York, he said. He did not say what they were.

At the foot of Eighty-eighth street, Brooklyn, about 7 o'clock in the morning, Frank Abbott, a resident of the vicinity, while strolling on the beach, described in the distance an object resembling a human body. Hastening his steps he found what was indeed the body of an aged man at the water's edge. Abbott, after pulling the body to a safe position on the beach, set off to notify the police.

In the man's pocket was a card with the address "James Stevens, No. 287 Communipaw Avenue, Jersey City," and another one inscribed "Miss Romaine, New York City." The name of the street and home address on the latter had become illegible by contact with the water.

Sons' Search Ended.

The finding of the body was telegraphed to New York and Brooklyn, so that the work with the body had hardly reached the water's edge, Abbott, who was in the vicinity, was asked to see it. They had been in search of their father, James N. Stevens. His was the body found on the beach.

Coroner Havron did not think an inquest necessary, as there were no marks of violence on the body, and accepted the suggestion made by the sons that the death was the result of suicide or accident, and consented that the remains be removed to his family home.

Stevens' neighbors and friends believe he committed suicide. His nephew so said his life last month. Stevens' relatives, who he favored that evening, recalled. He was seen on Wednesday shortly after 11 o'clock in the forenoon by H. B. Eckhardt, of No. 127½ Pacific avenue, at the Communipaw station of the New Jersey Central Railroad. Mr. Eckhardt was also bound for New York. They reached here shortly after 1 a. m. At Liberty street Mr. Stevens left Mr. Eckhardt, going in the direction of the South Ferry. That was the last seen of him until his body was recovered from the beach.

One of his daughters, Mrs. Maggie Dumont, lives on Madison avenue, Brooklyn. He may have been on his way to visit her when, in a moment of forgetfulness, he boarded a Bay Ridge ferry-boat, and jumped from the boat when it neared the dock. In this way the body could have been washed across the bay.

HOMES IN THE SUBURBS.

Address D. L. Roberts, Gen'l Pass'g. Agt., Erie R. R., room 23, 21 Cornland st. for information about the best location in vicinity of New York.—Adv't.

A BILL TO KILL TRUSTS.

It is to Prevent the Use of Money by Corporations to Influence Elections or Legislation.

A bill to prevent the use of money by corporations to influence elections and legislation was sent last night to Daniel C. Flinn, leader of the Assembly minority at Albany, by Henry D. Hotchkiss, a prominent Democratic attorney, of No. 35 Nassau street. It will be introduced as soon as soon as the Lexow anti-trust legislation is out of the way. The bill is as follows:

Section 1. No foreign corporation doing business in this State, nor any domestic corporation, shall pay or contribute, directly or indirectly, any money, property or thing of value to any political party, organization, committee or individual for any political purpose, whether for the purpose of influencing legislation of any kind, or for the purpose of securing the appointment or election to any political office.

A violation of this act is punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000, in the discretion of the Court or Judge before which the corporation is held, and upon any such conviction the corporation, if a domestic corporation, is dissolved; if a foreign corporation, its right to do business in this State ceases.

Section 2. Any person who shall aid or abet a violation of this act is guilty of a felony.

Section 3. Violations of this act shall be prosecuted in the county in which the principal office of the corporation in this State is located.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

In a letter to Assemblyman Flinn, Mr. Hotchkiss, the author of the bill, says that his bill is aimed at trusts, as it is mainly through the use of money at elections that they are fostered.

WONT TELL WHO SHOT HIM.

Patrick Farley, Wounded on Fifty-second Street, Walks into Bellevue.

Patrick Farley, an engineer, thirty-two

years old, whose home is at No. 76 Academy street, Newark, N. J., walked into Bellevue Hospital, about 10 o'clock last night and said he had been shot at Fifty-second street and North River. He refused to say who had shot him.

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FROM HIOGO, JAPAN.

Blown Out of Her Course, the Vessel Was Not Favored by the Trade Winds.

GALES, TOO, ON THE ATLANTIC.

Her Arrival Encourages the Hope That Other Vessels Long Overdue May Have Survived.

The four-masted German ship, Henry Bischoff, has arrived at Quarantine. She was two hundred and sixteen days out from Hioho, Japan. Her arrival delighted at once the underwriters and all sailorsmen, for she had been given up as lost. She was three months overdue. Storms blew her out of her course, baffling winds further delayed her, but she came up from the sea like a ghost from the grave of so many good ships.

The Henry Bischoff was formerly the bark Violette de Paris. She was sold, and her new owners had her changed into a four-masted ship. Having touched at other Japanese ports, she set sail from Hioho on June 7 last with a big cargo of teas and other merchandise. After clearing from Hioho she had to wait twenty days for a tide high enough to permit her passage over the bar that shuts in that port. Immediately after getting into deep water a typhoon struck the Bischoff. It was a furious gale, but the ship rode it safely. She suffered no damage, but was carried far out of the course she would have taken.

In Typhoons and Calms.

The storm ended for a week the Bischoff had favorable weather. Then another typhoon hit, more violent, if possible, than the first. That subsided. But the Bischoff was doomed to bad luck. After the storm came calms. There were no trade winds on which navigators of those waters depend to speed their run. The only winds that stretched the Bischoff's canvas were light and baffling.

So she slowly made her way, far out of the course of other vessels, which had met her world, of course, but they reported her. Even passing the Cape of Good Hope the wind was light and baffling. Until the Bischoff was in the latitude of Cape Hatteras, that nest and home of storms. About latitude 35° North she encountered some of the gales that have lately swept the Atlantic. She was blown further out on the ocean, and, for twenty days, could make no headway.

The Bischoff was towed in by a steamer last night and anchored off Quarantine. She will proceed to her Brooklyn dock this morning.

Captain Surprised at Anxiety.

Captain Schwaring was surprised to learn that any anxiety had been felt regarding the safety of his vessel. He only spoke one vessel, a steamer, bound for Santos, which vessel, duly reported him. The Bischoff has been twenty months in scud-tropical waters without being docketed, and her bottom is very foul. She brings a large cargo of general Japanese merchandise to Theodore Ruger & Co.

The arrival of the Bischoff has encouraged hopes that other vessels overdue will have the luck of the Bischoff. Some of the craft of which tidings are impatiently awaited are the ship J. F. Oakes, the steamship Aradeg, which left Cape Horn February 11; the German steamship Sprout, which left Newport News for Hamburg February 9; the ship West Indian, which was spoken, disabled, on the 20th; the steamship State or Georgia, which left Halifax for this port in December; the steamship Fort Williams, and the steamship Saxon.

No Hope of Lord Dufferin.

Besides, there are many other vessels of less importance and value which have met heavy weather, and which are looked for anxiously at this and foreign ports. The ship Lord Dufferin, which left Montevideo on October 11, has been given up for lost. She was due here several months ago.